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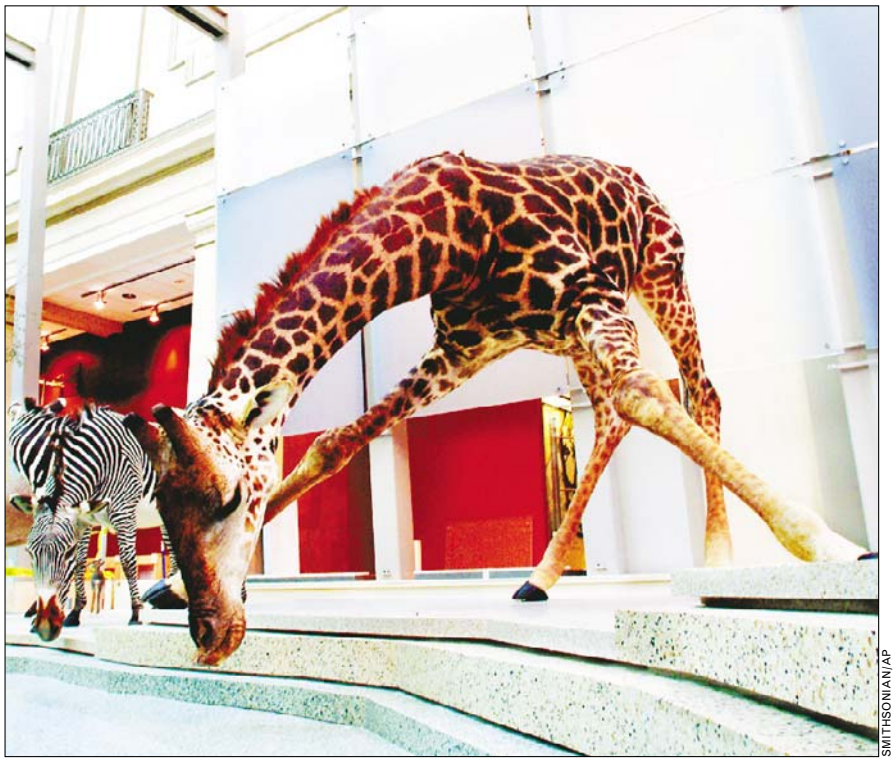

SMITHSONIAN/AP

UNNATURAL HABITAT: A stuffed giraffe and a zebra stretching for a drink of water are part of a new exhibit at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History. The museum opens its new mammal hall Saturday, which boasts a spectacular display of taxidermists' art. ✤ **Lookout** | Page 14

A More Commercial Commute

WASHINGTON | Attention commuters: Metro wants to give you a new reason to look out the window.

Continuing its quest to bring in more revenue, the financially strapped transit agency is considering running commercials in subway tunnels. By late summer, transit officials said, commuters could start watching 15- to 30-second silent advertising movies created like a child's flip book as a train zooms past posters in tunnels.

Other options under consideration: video monitors in trains and buses to play informational programs and commercials, wraparound advertising on buses and rail cars, and more ads in bus and rail stations, agency spokeswoman Leona Agouridis said.

It's all part of an effort to ease a budget shortfall of at least $28 million in fiscal 2005. Metro expects to earn $23.2 million this year from its advertising, but officials say new efforts could generate a quick $1.7 million in 2005, with a potential eventual windfall of up to $15 million. CANDACE SMITH (AP)

Verdict in Hands of Va. Jury

Defense says no evidence ties Muhammad to shootings

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | The jury in John Allen Muhammad's murder trial got the case Thursday after the prosecutor said during closing arguments that Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo formed "a sniper-spotter killing team" with Muhammad as the "captain."

The jury was expected to begin deliberating Friday morning.

Prosecutor Richard Conway forcefully countered the defense's central argument — that Muhammad cannot get the death penalty because the evidence points to Malvo as the triggerman in the sniper attacks. Conway portrayed Muhammad as playing a lead role.

Muhammad

Pointing at Muhammad, he said: "Who do you think was the captain of this killing team? He's sitting right in front of you."

Defense attorney Peter Greenspun acknowledged the difficulty of setting aside the emotional testimony. But, he said, a close look at the evidence would show that prosecutors had not proved their case.

"They've done a great job proving that Mr. Malvo" is connected to many of the shootings by forensic evidence, Greenspun said. "There is a canyon of a lack of evidence about Mr. Muhammad." MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

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Ahoy, Matey! Set sail with *Russell Crowe* in *"Master and Commander"*; prevail against the storm that is *"Tupac: Resurrection"*; wash up on the idyllic isle of "Looney Tunes"; cavort with the nubile maidens of Steve Martin's new novel. OK, no maidens. ENTERTAINMENT | 15-19

EyeOpeners

JOE CAVARETTA/AP

TRANSPORTATION

Man on the Street

On the bustling strip in Las Vegas, Nev., tourists see a savior in Benny Mailman. Authorities see a safety hazard. Mailman is one of scores of Las Vegas pedicab drivers who zip up and down the strip, making sure visitors don't have to waste time in traffic congestion. Officials say the cabs are a safety hazard and are seeking to ban them. But Jim Huff of Silver State Pedicabs says the industry just needs more attention. "Clark County needs to take the time to regulate us rather than simply ban us," he said. (AP)

CEREMONIES

Uh, Sorry 'Bout That

Villagers in a remote Fijian community staged an elaborate ceremony of apology Thursday for the relatives of a British missionary eaten there 136 years ago. The Rev. Thomas Baker and eight Fijian followers were killed and devoured by cannibals in 1867 in the village of Nabutautau. Residents say their community has been cursed ever since. The rituals, which started a month ago, culminated Thursday with the presentation of gifts to some of Baker's descendants in an attempt to break the curse. (AP)

FOR THE DOGS

Civic Doody

Officials in Iowa City, Iowa, are looking for a hand with "Mutt Mitts" — plastic gloves used by dog owners to pick up what their dogs leave behind. Years ago, the city put up a dozen containers of the bags in eight parks, and now it's searching for sponsors to keep the mitts in business. Companies that sign up get free advertising on their sponsored mitt container. (AP)

FINANCES

Gettin' Jiggy With the Books

Police raided a gigolo training center in northern Taiwan and arrested nine of the school's operators for overcharging students, officials said Thursday. They were also accused of having links to organized crime, police officer Liu Tai-shun said. Gigolo bars are popular in Taiwan, but performers are not legally allowed to solicit sex from customers. (AP)

SPORTS

Take a Hike

The girls volleyball team at Southern High School in Wymore, Neb., played its way to the state tournament. Now the players' fathers are going to walk there — a trek of more than 60 miles. A couple of weeks ago, the fathers told their daughters that if they qualified for the state tournament, they would "walk to Lincoln." They started their journey Thursday and are expected to finish Friday, after an overnight break. (AP)

NATI HARNIK/AP

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area — All forecasts provided by **AccuWeather.com ©2003**

Today	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.
Hi **52**	Hi **54**	Hi **58**	Hi **56**	Hi **62**
Lo **37**	Lo **40**	Lo **43**	Lo **44**	Lo **44**

UV Index (for solar noon)
3 out of 10, low

Air Quality Index (AQI)
AQI Today: Not available

Pollen Index (Yesterday)
Reading: Main offender: Not available

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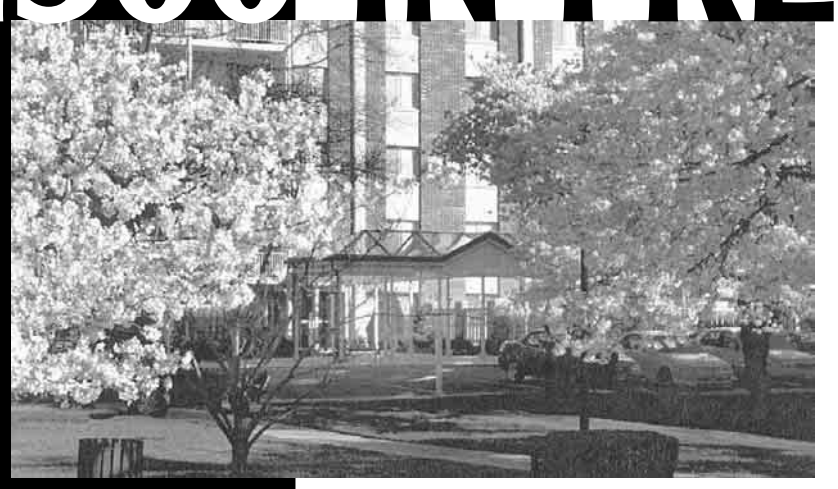

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Homeland Security to Give $725 Million in Grants

The Homeland Security Department moved Thursday to bolster security and terrorism preparedness in urban areas, with the announcement of $725 million in grants. Most of the money — $675 million — will flow to 50 urban areas, including New York, Chicago, Washington, Atlanta, Pittsburgh, New Orleans and Sacramento, Calif. New York City was allotted the most money — more than $47 million. (AP)

ATLANTA

Study: Smoking Among High School Students Declines

Smoking among U.S. high school students has declined by more than one-fifth since 2000 but has not budged among middle-schoolers, according to a study released Thursday. The spring 2002 survey by the Washington-based American Legacy Foundation questioned 26,119 students at 246 schools. (AP)

GETTYSBURG, PA.

SUV Slams Into Gettysburg Monument, Breaks Sculpture

A sport utility vehicle veered onto Gettysburg National Military Park, overturned and slammed into a 115-year-old Civil War monument, officials said Thursday. The granite sculpture broke into three pieces. The driver, Laura M. Staub, said she did not know what caused her to lose control of the SUV on Wednesday night. Cost of repairs was estimated at $15,000 to $20,000, officials said. Staub was fined $25 for failing to maintain control of a vehicle. (AP)

WINTER WEATHER | ALL HAIL

STEFANO PALTERA/AP

PSEUDO SNOW: Destiny Sims, Robin Friend and Alexandria O'Neil play on hail piled up on the sidewalk of 108th St. in the Watts area of Los Angeles on Thursday, a day after a storm dropped 18 inches of hail on the area.

Panel Removes Ala. Chief Justice

Judge ousted for refusing to move Ten Commandments statue

MONTGOMERY, ALA. | Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who became a hero to religious conservatives for refusing to remove his granite Ten Commandments monument from the state courthouse, was thrown off the bench Thursday by a judicial ethics panel for having "placed himself above the law."

"I have absolutely no regrets. I have done what I was sworn to do," Moore declared afterward, drawing applause from dozens of supporters at the courthouse. "It's about whether or not you can acknowledge God as a source of our law and our liberty. That's all I've done."

The nine members of the Court of the Judiciary handed out the harshest penalty possible, saying Moore left them with no choice by repeatedly insisting he would never obey a federal judge's order to move the 2 ½-ton block of granite from the courthouse rotunda.

Moore

Moore spent eight months designing the monument and helped move it into the building in the middle of the night in 2001.

A federal judge ordered the monument removed, and it was finally wheeled away Aug. 27 to a storage room on instructions from Moore's eight fellow justices.

KYLE WINGFIELD (AP)

HEARSAY | IRAQ

"What is ... important is that we find ways to accelerate the transfer of power to the Iraqis."

—CONDOLEEZZA RICE
THE PRESIDENT'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER ON THE U.S. EFFORT TO HOLD IRAQI ELECTIONS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 2004.

BY THE NUMBERS: Nationwide, 77% of fourth-graders reached a basic level in standardized math tests, up from 65% three years ago. (AP)

Bush Demands Action on Nominees

President's call comes amid 30-hour session on judicial appointments

WASHINGTON | President Bush accused the Senate of "shameful" inaction on his judicial nominees, lending his voice Thursday to a 30-hour Senate debate over Republican efforts to pry conservative nominees loose from Democratic filibusters.

After an all-night session, senators were bleary-eyed but firmly on message. Republicans insisted there was no precedent for refusing to allow votes on the president's judicial choices. Democrats said the GOP-led Senate was championing judges who do not represent American mainstream views.

The first overnight session in a decade did little to close the divide over judges that has prevailed since the Clinton presidency.

Bush was joined by three of his stalled nominees — judges Priscilla Owen of Texas and Carolyn Kuhl and Janice Rogers Brown, both from California — as he demanded that they get an up-or-down vote.

"I have told these three ladies I will stand with them to the bitter end because they're the absolute right pick for their respective positions," Bush said. JIM ABRAMS (AP)

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Nation

9/11 Families Slam Documents Deal

Victims' relatives say investigators need full access to evidence

WASHINGTON | Relatives of people who perished in the Sept. 11 attacks say a federal commission accepted too many conditions in striking a deal with the White House over access to secret intelligence documents.

The Family Steering Committee, a group of victims' relatives who are monitoring the work of the independent commission, criticized the agreement announced late Wednesday. Under the deal, only some of the 10 commissioners will be allowed to examine classified documents, and their notes will be subject to White House review.

"All 10 commissioners should have full, unfettered and unrestricted access to all evidence," the group said in a statement Thursday. It urged the public release of "the full, official, and final written agreement."

Neither the commission nor the White House disclosed the terms of the agreement, although sources familiar with the commission's work described some of its provisions.

The commission's chairman, former New Jersey Gov. Thomas H. Kean, defended the agreement.

"The most important fact to me is that there is not going to be any document not seen by a member of the commission, and those documents will be used to inform our report," Kean said. LAURENCE ARNOLD (AP)

BRIAN KERSEY/AP

Erin Sheehyin of Ventura, Calif., and Bryan Rudolph of Muscatine, Iowa, try out some dance steps Monday for Wheaton College's first dance in 143 years.

And All They Want to Do Is Dance ...

WHEATON, ILL. | Andy Morgan can't dance, but he figured he was in no danger of embarrassing himself.

After all, he went to a high school that did not permit dancing. And when it came time to pick a college, he settled on a Christian school that had not allowed social dancing since the war. The Civil War.

But come Friday night, 21-year-old Morgan and as many as 1,200 fellow students at Wheaton College will gather in the gym for the first real dance in the school's 143-year history.

"We are kind of trying to downplay it because it really is another event," said Bethany Jones, a student leader and organizer of the dance. "But on the other hand, we do realize it is historic. It is a big deal." (AP)

Convicted Spy Loses Appeals

WASHINGTON | A federal judge turned down convicted spy Jonathan Pollard's latest attempt to reduce the life sentence he received for selling military secrets to Israel while working as an analyst for the Navy.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Hogan said Pollard waited too long to try to contest the 1987 sentence and did not make a convincing case that he got poor legal help from the high-powered stable of lawyers who have worked for him over the years.

Pollard, 49, was an intelligence analyst for the Navy when he copied and gave to his Israeli handlers enough classified documents to fill a walk-in closet. Pollard was caught in November 1985 and arrested after unsuccessfully seeking refuge at the Israeli Embassy. ANNE GEARAN (AP)

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World

In Brief

NIGERIA

ChevronTexaco Employees Kidnapped, Held Overnight

Militants seized 12 employees of ChevronTexaco in southern Nigeria, holding them overnight before releasing them, a local subsidiary said Thursday. The workers were abducted at gunpoint Tuesday and were freed late Wednesday, ChevronTexaco said. The Niger Delta sees frequent violence as rival ethnic militias fight over the petroleum wealth. The violence has claimed more than 200 lives around Warri this year. (AP)

BRITAIN

Judge Blocks Extradition To Russia of Chechen Envoy

A British judge on Thursday ruled that Chechen envoy Akhmed Zakayev will not be extradited to Russia. Zakayev's lawyers fought his extradition, saying he would be persecuted for his political beliefs and would not receive a fair trial. He is wanted in Russia on 13 charges, including kidnapping and taking part in the murder of more than 300 militia officers. Zakayev denies all the charges. (AP)

INDONESIA

Amnesty for Rebels Mulled

Indonesia is considering granting amnesty to about 2,000 Acehnese rebels who have either been captured or have surrendered during a six-month offensive in the war-torn province, the justice minister said Thursday. The government offered a similar plan aimed at bolstering peace talks last year. The talks failed and the amnesty was never granted. (AP)

MIDEAST

Minister Proposes Building Industrial Zone Near W. Bank

Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz, visiting Washington, proposed to build an industrial area for the Palestinians on the edges of the West Bank border, a ministry spokeswoman said. The plan would provide some 120,000 jobs for Palestinians, she said. Israel has a similar industrial zone along the border with Gaza. (AP)

U.S. vs. Europe: Chat with author Robert Kagan about the growing transatlantic tensions | Today at 3 p.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline

U.S. Steps Up Iraq Strikes

Military says the new offensive takes fight directly to insurgents

BAGHDAD | U.S. troops mounted air and ground attacks in the Iraqi capital for a second straight night, targeting suspected insurgent positions around Baghdad, the U.S. command said.

U.S. troops bombarded a dye factory on Baghdad's outskirts which had been targeted the night before by an AC-130 gunship. The factory was believed to have been used by insurgents to store weapons.

U.S. soldiers with loudspeakers drove through the neighborhood around the plant warning occupants to leave before the impending strike. In the evening, at least nine large caliber shells were fired into the empty plant, heavily damaging the structure.

The heightened U.S. activity was part of "Operation Iron Hammer," a new strategy aimed at taking the fight to the insurgents rather than simply responding to guerrilla attacks. BASSEM MROUE (AP)

New tactic: Religious factions moved quickly to fill the perceived security void in Nasiriyah | Today's Post: Section A

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ **The death toll** from Wednesday's suicide bombing at a headquarters of Italian forces in Nasiriyah rose to 31 and officials said it is likely to increase.

→ **A Japanese government spokesman** indicated Tokyo will likely postpone sending troops to Iraq until sometime next year.

→ **Gen. John Abizaid**, head of the U.S. Central Command, said the forces opposing the coalition in Iraq total no more than 5,000 insurgent fighters.

CHINA | BEHOLD THE BEHOLDER

REUTERS

ALL EYES: A man looks at a billboard promoting the 53rd Miss World in Xian, the capital of China's central province of Shaanxi, on Thursday. This year, the finals will be held for the first time in China on the southern island of Hainan.

HEARSAY | MEXICO

"This is inconceivable. This is like an attack on culture, on what little we have left."

—AUTHOR GUADALUPE LOAEZA CRITICIZING PRESIDENT VICENTE FOX'S PLAN TO SELL OFF MOST OF THE COUNTRY'S STATE-SPONSORED ARTS INSTITUTIONS.

Spain Blocks Basque Self-Rule Motion

MADRID, SPAIN | Spain's government filed suit Thursday to block a Basque nationalist plan designed to turn the region into an autonomous state.

The Basque government approved the plan last month. It calls for giving the wealthy Basque region — already the one with most autonomy in Spain — even more power.

Government lawyers went to the country's highest court arguing that the plan repeatedly violates Spain's constitution.

Armed separatists launched a violent campaign for an independent Basque homeland in 1968. Since then, gunmen and bombers have killed more than 800 people. (AP)

Serbia Calls For Early Elections

Disarray reigns 3 years after ouster of Milosevic

BELGRADE | Serbia dissolved its parliament and announced early elections Thursday, signaling the government's collapse three years after the ouster of Slobodan Milosevic.

The pro-democracy coalition that came to power in 2000 has nearly unraveled, forcing Prime Minister Zoran Zivkovic to agree to set a new parliamentary vote for Dec. 28, a year ahead of schedule.

"We can no longer continue work on important reforms," Zivkovic said, conceding that his government had become paralyzed by political fighting.

This Sunday, Serbia is holding presidential elections. It will be the third attempt in just over a year to fill the post vacant since a Milosevic ally stepped down and joined his former boss in The Hague, Netherlands, to answer war crimes charges. Both previous votes failed because of low turnout. (AP)

Under Pressure, Greece Backs Off Brothel Legislation

ATHENS, GREECE | The Greek government withdrew legislation that would have made it easier for brothels to operate in Athens during the 2004 Olympics, which run from Aug. 13-29.

The Greek Orthodox church and other groups were opposed to the legislation, which would have allowed bordellos to operate closer to public buildings such as schools, churches and daycare centers.

The government sought the bill's quick approval to placate prostitutes who have staged dozens of protests in recent months demanding that authorities back off enforcement of a 1999 law setting strict rules on the location of bordellos.

Prostitution is legal and highly regulated in Greece but only in state-licensed brothels. (AP)

World

Syria Bristles Over U.S. Sanctions Bill

Alleging ties to terror, measure would ban trade, investment

DAMASCUS, SYRIA | Syria warned Thursday it would take reciprocal measures against the United States if President George W. Bush imposes diplomatic sanctions on Syria under the proposed Syria Accountability Act.

A senior Syrian official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said his government would hold off for now on taking action against the United States until the bill receives Bush's signature and becomes law.

On Tuesday, the U.S. Senate passed the bill, which accuses Syria of sheltering terrorists and failing to muzzle forces hostile to the U.S.-led war in neighboring Iraq. The House of Representatives adopted a different version of the measure. The bill will go back to the House for another vote before being sent to the White House for signing.

The bill would ban U.S. firms from trading with or investing in Syria unless it ceases its alleged support for terrorist groups and pursuit of weapons of mass destruction. The bill also states Syria must withdraw its army from neighboring Lebanon and stop terrorists from entering Iraq. Syrian leaders have denied the charges. ALBERT AJI (AP)

WHO KNEW? The State Department has designated Syria a state sponsor of terrorism since the 1970s. It is the only nation on the list that still has full diplomatic relations with the U.S.

GERMANY | HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

WOLFGANG RATTAY/REUTERS

PRESSING ON: A worker walks around concrete blocks being used in the construction of Berlin's Holocaust memorial. A panel decided Thursday to resume building the memorial despite the use of an anti-graffiti coating supplied by Degussa, a chemical company. Work was stopped last month after it surfaced that Degussa once co-owned the maker of Nazi poison gas that was used to exterminate millions of Jews during World War II.

German Court Says Yemenis Can Be Extradited to U.S.

FRANKFURT | Germany's top court said Thursday it approved the extradition of two Yemenis to the United States, where they are wanted on charges of supporting al Qaeda.

The Federal Constitutional Court said Sheikh Ali Hassan al-Moayad and his alleged assistant, Mohammed Mohsen Yahya Zayed, could expect a fair trial in the United States, rejecting the complaints they filed against lower-court decisions backing extradition. The final decision lies with the German government.

U.S. and German authorities say they learned in December 2001 that al-Moayad was involved in supplying money and militants for Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network. The two were arrested Jan. 10 in a sting operation at a Frankfurt hotel. (AP)

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Money

Putnam and SEC Reach Settlement

BOSTON | The Securities and Exchange Commission announced a partial settlement Thursday with Putnam Investments, under which the company will make significant reforms and establish a process for repaying investors harmed by excessive market timing. But Massachusetts' top security regulator said his civil complaint against Putnam would continue.

Boston-based Putnam, the No. 5 mutual fund company, neither admitted nor denied the SEC's findings that the company violated federal securities law.

Market timing is not illegal but most funds do not allow it. Regulators have said companies that allowed selective market timing, despite policies against it, committed fraud.

The SEC said the amount of any civil penalty or monetary relief will be determined later.

Massachusetts Secretary of State William Galvin said the deal was "evidence of the ineffectiveness" of the SEC. He said the SEC should not have signed a deal until Putnam admitted to wrongdoing, provided a full accounting of alleged misdeeds and was required to pay a fine.

A call to the SEC's head of enforcement was not immediately returned. JUSTIN POPE (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: Japanese video-game manufacturer Nintendo Co. said Thursday it lost about $26.7 million in the first half of its fiscal year — the company's first loss since its shares were listed for trading in 1962. (AP)

U.S. Trade Deficit Increases by 4.4%

WASHINGTON | The U.S. trade deficit widened to $41.3 billion in September, up 4.4 percent from August, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

Imports of goods and services came to an all-time monthly high of $127.4 billion. Exports totaled $86.2 billion, the highest level since May 2001. America's politically sensitive trade deficit with China hit a record $12.7 billion in September as imports totaled $14.8 billion, an all-time monthly high. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
VestaIns	2.81	+.45	+19.1
CapSenL	5.15	+.71	+16.0
4KidsEnt	28.01	+3.83	+15.8
C&D Tch	23.05	+2.47	+12.0
CorusGr	6.02	+.62	+11.5

Losers

CornellCos	11.13	-3.33	-23.0
Orthodon	7.53	-1.21	-13.8
APT Sat	2.38	-.21	-8.1
NortelInv	5.85	-.50	-7.9
BearingPt	9.00	-.75	-7.7

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AirT Inc	6.19	+1.49	+31.7
Paradyne	4.68	+1.00	+27.2
KMG Ch	3.60	+.76	+26.7
Paulson	10.47	+2.17	+26.1
DPAC Tc	2.01	+.41	+25.6

Losers

VirbacCp	6.50	-1.85	-22.2
JDASoft	17.04	-3.95	-18.8
BluDolp	2.31	-.41	-15.0
MonCap	6.66	-1.07	-13.9
Fibrstrs	5.50	-.84	-13.2

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-10.89	-5.76	-0.15
-0.11	-0.29	-0.01
9837.94	1967.35	1058.41

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.93	0.93
2-year	1.89	1.97
10-year	4.27	4.41
30-year	5.11	5.24

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5929	.5976	.6310
Canadian Dollar	1.3010	1.3025	1.5754
European Euro	.8523	.8596	.9933
Japanese Yen	108.17	108.75	120.25
Mexican Peso	11.1515	11.1130	10.2355
Taiwanese Dollar	33.99	34.02	34.61

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Allergan	76.64	+1.54	+33.0
AstraZen	47.70	+1.12	+35.9
BarrLab s	79.00	+1.85	+82.1
BrMySq	25.96	+.46	+12.1
ForestLb s	51.94	+2.29	+5.8
IvaxCp	19.85	-.17	+63.6
JohnJn	50.34	+.84	-6.3
LillyEli	69.05	+2.86	+8.7
Merck	45.80	+1.55	-14.5
Mylan s	22.85	-.65	+47.3
Pfizer	33.45	+1.05	+9.4
SchergPl	15.90	+.45	-28.4
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Suspects Planned Utopia

Malvo lawyer details sniper suspects' goals during teenager's trial

CHESAPEAKE, VA. | Lee Boyd Malvo thought the Washington, D.C.-area sniper shootings were part of an elaborate plan by the man he called father to move to Canada and create a perfect society, his lawyer said Thursday.

Fellow sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad turned Malvo into a "child soldier," brainwashing him into thinking the shootings were "designed to achieve a greater good of a fairer and righteous society," Craig Cooley said in an opening statement that offered new details of the Malvo defense case.

BETTY WELLS/AP
Malvo attorney Craig Cooley makes his opening statement in the trial.

Cooley said Muhammad was seeking revenge against his ex-wife, Mildred, who had custody of their three children. Cooley suggested that Mildred Muhammad was to have been one of the victims of the spree and that her death would have allowed Muhammad to carry out the Utopian plan.

Cooley said that once Muhammad regained custody of his children, he would take them and Malvo to Canada and form a Utopia. There, Muhammad and Malvo were to teach 140 children from across the world who were not already "tainted" by society, Cooley said.

Before they could do that, though, they needed to take action to "make America wake up," Cooley said. Malvo, 18, is on trial in the slaying of FBI analyst Linda Franklin. SONJA BARISIC (AP)

Trials continue: For the latest information from both sniper trials | washingtonpost.com/metro

DON WRIGHT/AP
The same heavy winds that hit the District blew over this truck to be blown over on the Severn River Bridge along route 50 near Annapolis, Md. on Thursday.

Heavy Winds Cause Havoc in Washington

WASHINGTON | Cold, windy weather blew across the nation's midsection and into Washington area Thursday, knocking out power, downing tree limbs and leaving at least one person seriously injured.

The winds made even regular tasks hazardous for residents. A 14-year-old girl at Dominion High School in Sterling, Va., was seriously injured when she was hit by a tree while waiting for her school bus, said Loudoun County Sheriff's Office spokesman Kraig Troxell. She was airlifted to Children's Hospital.

In southeast Washington, two people received minor injuries when a portion of the roof blew off a home, said District of Columbia Fire and EMS spokesman Alan Etter. Also in the District, a crane working on construction of the new Woodrow Wilson Bridge blew over, fire officials said. No one was injured.

No injuries were reported in a fire at a Pepco transformer in southeast D.C., Etter said. Investigators believed the weather was to blame.

Fire and rescue officials in Montgomery County, Md., reported about 80 calls for downed trees and power lines in about five hours, about four times the normal volume. BRIAN WESTLEY (AP)

In Brief

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Spears Fires Back at Wife Of Gov. Ehrlich in Magazine

A month after Maryland's first lady apologized for saying she'd shoot Britney Spears if she had the chance, a frosty response from the pop icon appears in a magazine to be distributed Friday. "She probably needs to get laid," Entertainment Weekly quotes Spears saying of Kendel Ehrlich, the wife of Gov. Robert Ehrlich. Mrs. Ehrlich later said she regretted making the remarks. The governor and his wife, who are the parents of a 4-year-old boy, have since announced they are expecting a second child. (AP)

UPPER MARLBORO, MD.

New Crime Fighting Plans Detailed in Prince George's

Prince George's County officials announced crime fighting initiatives Thursday in response to growing public concerns about crime and community outrage over several high profile killings. County Executive Jack B. Johnson and Police Chief Melvin C. High said they would redeploy the county's 1,200 officers to strengthen police presence in communities on the county's east side. The program could be expanded countywide by next July. Two hundred officers will be trained by mid-January, the officials said. (AP)

Region

Closing Arguments End In Double Slaying Trial

ROCKVILLE, MD. | A woman accused of killing a teenager and her infant daughter acted in "premeditated hate," a prosecutor said Thursday in closing arguments. But her defense attorney said the murders were likely a drug-related crime committed by someone else.

J. Charles Smith, the prosecutor, used vivid language to describe the killings to the jury, which will begin deliberating the fate of Sonya Daniels, 26, on Friday.

Smith argued that the woman killed 16-year-old Deanne Prichard and her 5-week-old baby, Makayla Ann Frost, in a jealous rage.

"She put a bullet in the middle of that baby's face," he told them.

Katy O'Donnell, Daniels' attorney, argued that police did not conduct a thorough investigation. She also said DNA evidence in the case was not reliable.

But Smith said blood found on a vehicle Daniels was driving had blood from one of the victims on it.

"There's a one in a billion chance that she's not guilty," he said.

Daniels could become the first woman sentenced to death in Maryland in 21 years if convicted of either count of first-degree murder plus use of a handgun or attempted kidnapping. A first-degree murder conviction carries a minimum penalty of life in prison.

The Frederick County case moved to Montgomery County at the defense's request because of heavy publicity in Frederick.

BRIAN WITTE (AP)

Concerns Raised Over Sniper Witness

WASHINGTON | A government chemist who testified in the Washington sniper case allegedly kept a "sloppy" office that raised concerns of contaminated evidence and has made numerous racially insensitive remarks, according to evidence the government has had for more than a decade.

Paul Ebert, the prosecutor handling the trial of sniper defendant John Allen Muhammad, said Thursday he wasn't aware of the information, obtained by The Associated Press, before he put government chemist Edward Bender on the witness stand last week.

FBI and Justice Department documents detail testimony from colleagues and supervisors that Bender made racist comments. In government interviews, Bender never admitted specific words but said he had made racial comments. (AP)

DAVE ELLIS/AP

Edward Bender testified in John Allen Muhammad's trial on Nov. 5.

Metro Eliminates 5 Bus Routes

WASHINGTON | Metro's budget committee voted Thursday to eliminate five bus routes, a move that will affect about 2,000 Washington-area commuters. A sixth line — the only direct transit link between Prince George's County and Alexandria — was temporarily saved.

The routes approved for elimination include a free parking shuttle at the Greenbelt Station, a reverse commute route from Arlington, Va., to Bethesda, Md., and buses that link locations in Montgomery County, Md., with Tysons Corner.

Maryland transportation officials targeted the routes because they were considered duplicative and had low ridership and heavy public subsidies. The state needs to help close a $3.5 million subsidy shortfall for the 2004 budget year. All six routes cost Maryland about $2.5 million a year. (AP)

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Stuffed Animals

Smithsonian unveils a stunning display of mammalian taxidermy

EXHIBITS | A towering moose stands nose to nose with a furry little pika. A porcupine huddles nearby in a child-level display. Around a corner, a vampire bat sets tooth to a sleeping scientist's foot.

A spectacular display of the taxidermist's art goes on view to the public Saturday when the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History opens its new mammal hall.

"This hall is about us," said Robert Sullivan, associate director of the museum. "Everyone who visits this hall is a mammal ... a successfully adapted mammal."

The new exhibition contains 11 fossils and 274 preserved animals in dynamic displays, as they would have been seen in life.

A pair of lions attacks a water buffalo. A giraffe, front legs splayed, stretches for a drink of water while a second reaches an impressive tongue upward to pull in some leaves for a meal.

Recalling a real incident, a vampire bat rests on a model of the scientist's foot where a live bat once feasted — a display Sullivan expects youngsters to love "because it will gross out their parents."

In the arctic section, startled viewers suddenly see a polar bear looking down from above, while in the African savanna a hippo yawns, displaying a mouthful that would traumatize an orthodontist.

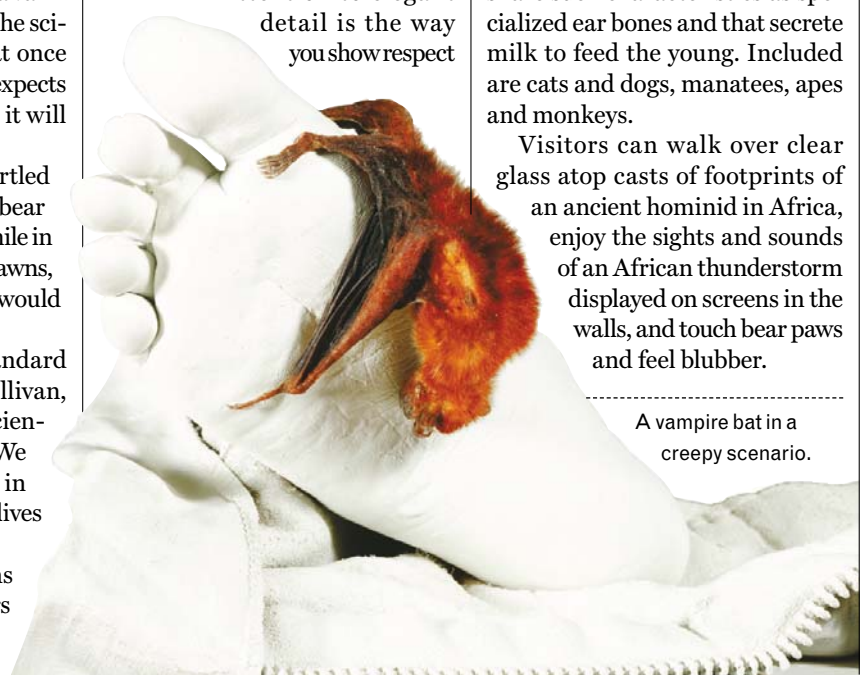
"We're setting a new standard in taxidermy here," said Sullivan, explaining that museum scientists told their taxidermists, "We don't want to show animals in the dullest moment of their lives ... as most museums do."

The massive moose seems almost to smile as he ponders a shelf holding the little pika, a mountain creature sometimes called a rock rabbit. Below, a little mole rests atop a granite block that Sullivan says raises it up to show its importance.

"Attention to elegant detail is the way you show respect for nature," said Sullivan.

Visitors entering the exhibition first meet a wall of photos of various mammals — animals that share such characteristics as specialized ear bones and that secrete milk to feed the young. Included are cats and dogs, manatees, apes and monkeys.

Visitors can walk over clear glass atop casts of footprints of an ancient hominid in Africa, enjoy the sights and sounds of an African thunderstorm displayed on screens in the walls, and touch bear paws and feel blubber.



A vampire bat in a creepy scenario.

CARL C. HANSEN, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION/AP

None of the animals on display was killed for this exhibit, Sullivan points out.

Formally known as the Kenneth E. Behring Family Hall of Mammals, for the philanthropist whose donation made it possible, the permanent exhibition covers more than half an acre of space renovated to its original Beaux Arts design and architecture. The California businessman donated $17.2 million of the $31.3 million cost of renovating the hall and creating the new exhibition. RANDOLPH E. SCHMID (AP)

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WE DON'T NEED ANOTHER HERO: As Capt. "Lucky" Jack Aubry, Crowe heads up a less-than rip-roaring naval adventure.

Crowe at Sea

Inconsistent performances and muddled battle scenes sink 'Master'

FILM | An action-adventure movie that's almost as clunky as its name, "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World" stars a jaunty Russell Crowe. His Capt. "Lucky Jack" Aubrey strides the deck of his warship with a wink and a quick wit for all — until it's time for some bloodletting. Then he's all "Die Hard."

The story, based on one of the late author Patrick O'Brian's seafaring novels, starts with the British captain sailing home when his ship — the Surprise — is attacked by a vessel flying Napoleon's flag.

The crippled boat escapes in the fog, and Crowe struts about slapping walls and declaring his ship "a fine sea bird" before telling some hoary jokes to cheer his crew.

Most of them would like to return to a safe harbor for repairs, but the captain wants to chase their aggressors.

The character recalls George C. Scott in "Patton," another military leader who seemed to love war more than life. But Patton was allowed to be unlikable; his existence was something necessary to conquer a greater evil.

But we never get a sense of the greater evil in "Master and Commander." What's worse, the audience is constantly reminded what a brilliant and lovable chap Aubrey is. "That's sailing, Mr. Pulling. That's sailing!" one officer remarks to another, awed.

Director Peter Weir stumbles in creating action sequences, which are muddled and confusing. Is that Aubrey's cabin that just got ripped by an explosion, or the French captain's quarters? And who was that guy who plunged overboard in a storm? And Crowe's performance is inconsistent. Sometimes Aubrey's a reluctant warrior, sometimes he delights in the savagery of battle.

The best scenes come between Aubrey and the one character who seems to truly understand him: the ship's surgeon (Paul Bettany).

If "Master and Commander" is supposed to be only a fun adventure movie, the flaws in the captain could be overlooked.

But this is supposed to be an exploration of the costs of war (which the early amputation of a child sailor's arm would suggest — or is that supposed to be entertaining?), and the audience deserves more than a superficial probing of this warrior's psyche. ANTHONY BREZNICAN (AP)

Thug Redux

FILM | Admirable and despicable, charismatic and chaotic, Tupac Shakur epitomizes hip-hop culture. His life and death remain its defining tale.

Tupac's status was cemented by his 1996 death. Even though he rapped and filmed videos about the hereafter shortly before he got there, he stubbornly refused to avoid it, choosing to revel in and with the worst of hip-hop.

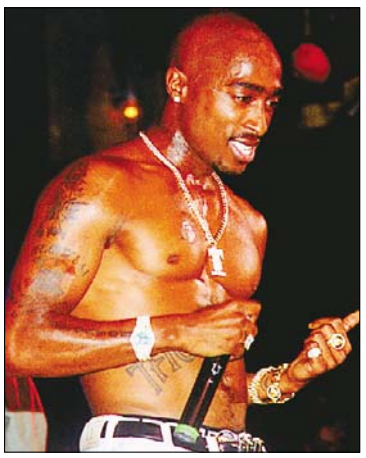
If Tupac could talk to us now, he'd surely explain, with the conviction that sold 35 million records, exactly how and why he ended up shot to death in Las Vegas in Suge Knight's BMW.

Without that perspective, though, the picture is incomplete — like "Tupac: Resurrection."

"Resurrection" is a remix masterpiece. Using snippets of Tupac's many interviews, the film is narrated in his own passionate words. No talking heads, no I-knew-him-whens. But aside from the novelty of Tupac as narrator, there's little new material.

During one interview with MTV's Tabitha Soren, Tupac looks so angelic you forget that he was consigliere to the brutal Knight.

"Suge ain't no gangsta," Tupac tells Soren near the end. "He chillin'." Yeah, like a villain. Just another twisted glimpse into hip-hop's divided soul. JESSE WASHINGTON (AP)



Charismatic and intelligent, Tupac never left the "Thug Life" until it killed him.

TWO THUMBS UP? Or 10 toes? Get the verdict on the latest film releases in today's Washington Post.

Those Wacky Immigrants: The Indians and Indian-Americans of "American Chai" claim that American culture is not like that of the Old Country. Desson Howe concurs. | *Weekend*

The Never-Ending Story: The American Bible Society's plain-speaking Good News Bible provides the text for the three-hour "Gospel of John." Ann Hornaday reviews. | *Style*

Hot Stuff: According to "The Good Old Naughty Days," there were fewer gyms but plenty of frolicking females around 1905-25. Desson Howe sits through naive vintage porn. | *Weekend*

Got Plans?

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Do you know anywhere in the area where I can volunteer serving Thanksgiving dinners to the homeless?

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Hometown boy Dave Grohl is among the famous faces spotted locally.

Last week I saw Dave Grohl at Carlyle Grand in Shirlington.

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Where can I go that is low-key but where I have a chance of at least seeing someone famous?

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FILM | "Looney Tunes: Back in Action" has a tough goal — building a full-length movie out of wisecracks and pratfalls normally confined to cartoon shorts. But director Joe Dante ("Gremlins") and screenwriter Larry Doyle ("The Simpsons") manage to maintain a manic pace throughout.

And while "Looney Tunes" lapses into stretches where maybe one in four gags actually works, the filmmakers pile them on so feverishly that the clunkers pass largely unnoticed. The result is a family-friendly romp that will appeal to Bugs and Daffy fans of all ages.

The movie opens with a Warner Bros. executives meeting where boastful windbag Daffy Duck is fired by ambitious Kate Houghton (Jenna Elfman), the studio's vice president for comedy (her research shows that while Bugs Bunny has universal star power, Daffy appeals only to "angry fat guys in basements").

Brendan Fraser plays D.J. Drake, an unsuccessful stuntman who loses his job as a Warner security guard after botching Daffy's eviction from the studio lot.

PETER TANGEN/WARNER BROS.
Bugs (the furry one on the left) and Martin are ready for their close-ups.

Duck and wannabe stuntman end up as road buddies on a mission to rescue D.J.'s father, Warner's super-spy actor Damien Drake (Timothy Dalton), from the clutches of the evil Acme Co. boss (Steve Martin).

"Looney Tunes" piles on cameos both for live-action celebrities and all the key Looney Tunes characters, and Fraser and Elfman hurl themselves earnestly into interaction with 'toons.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

→GotPlans?

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I like monkeys. And BYOB places. Are there any in Adams Morgan or Dupont?
The French restaurant Lavandou waives corking fees Monday nights. And we like monkeys too. The best taxidermied monkeys in town can be found in the Behring Family Hall of Mammals at the Museum of Natural History, opening Nov. 15. (See page 14 for more).

Lavandou, 3321 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-966-3002. (Cleveland Park)

What's a reasonably priced place to go for Thanksgiving, maybe with a Southern slant?
B. Smith and Georgia Brown's are Southern, and tend to do the feast for around $30-$40 per person.

B. Smith, Union Station; 202-289-6188; Georgia Brown's, 950 15th St. NW; 202-393-4499. (Farragut North)

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Barbara Smith offers food and hospitality, Southern-style, at her restaurant.

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Is "Mamma Mia" at the National Theatre worth going to? The commercials look a little cheesy.

We like Abba as much as the next person, but the last time "Mamma Mia" was in town, we thought the story was idiotic and the fun factor didn't compensate for that. If you're a hardcore Abba fan or you can get discounted tickets, it might be worth it.

For tickets, call 202-628-6161.

Are there any bars in D.C. where Bills fans gather to watch the games? For some reason my three TV channels are always showing those durned Redskins.

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DONNA MCWILLIAM/AP

Travis Henry picks up some yards, to the delight of the McFadden's crowd.

Do you know of any bars or lounges that play hip-hop music on Fridays? I'm looking for something that does not have a club-like atmosphere.

Check out Dredd at Aroma. Adrian Loving's gig at Lounge 201 on Fridays might also qualify. But most of all, see our "bars and clubs" listings at washingtonpost.com; you can sort by "our pick," then check the reviews until a light bulb goes on.

Aroma, 3417 Connecticut Ave.; 202-244-7995. (Cleveland Park)

Lounge 201, 201 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-544-5201. (Union Station)

Any suggestions for a somewhat quiet restaurant in Bethesda? We're three friends with a lot of catching up to do.

Hands down we'd say Red Tomato; always a fave and on the quiet side.

4910 St. Elmo Ave., Bethesda; 301-652-4499.

Simplistic 'Pleasure'

BOOKS | Daniel Pecan Cambridge knows he has, in the simplest of terms, issues.

He crosses streets only where there are opposing driveways. The light bulbs in his apartment always total 1,125 watts. He constructs mathematical games to ease his anxieties. How else can you relax when your favorite feeling is symmetry?

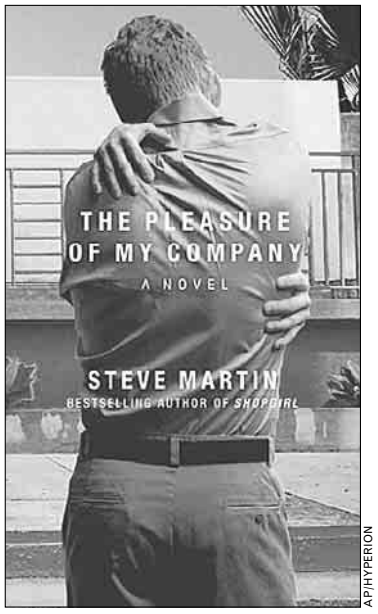
In Steve Martin's new novella, "The Pleasure of My Company" (Hyperion), Cambridge lives by thinking instead of by being, leaving his home only for the occasional trip to the drugstore.

In this, his second novel, Martin uses the same technique he used in "Shopgirl" — vignettes alternately amusing and poignant to portray a character who is superficial. Despite his diverse talents, Martin writes novels that read like movies.

The writer takes readers inside Cambridge's frightfully active mind, a mind that Cambridge says was rejected by the high-IQ Mensa group because of a clerical error. Eventually, he comes out of his mind and into his life as he helps — and is helped by — his student social worker Clarissa and her toddler son Teddy.

Martin strikes an ideal balance between amusement and pity as Cambridge slowly makes progress and eventually leads a "normal" life.

But the story both entertains and frustrates. Some characters come and go with no obvious purpose; some experience great changes without explanation.



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In Martin's amusing but slight novella, self-love is a many-splendored thing.

This is vexing because Martin, with a grand wit and eye for detail, could go so much further with his characters and stories. He doesn't seem to be pushing himself — sort of like Cambridge, who, for a large chunk of the novel knowingly remains complacent about his problems.

"The Pleasure of My Company" is a quick, entertaining story, but a tease to readers who hope that Martin, as a novelist, will escape from his movie mind-set.

EMILY FREDRIX (AP)

Sunday in The Washington Post

Back in the Saddle

Not since the heyday of the oater has Hollywood depended on seasoned horsemen like Billy Burton. | *Arts*

Scary Movies

Liza Mundy looks into what kids are really seeing in films with a PG-13 rating, and how the ratings system went wrong. | *The Washington Post Magazine*

Remembering JFK

Specials, recollections and memorials on the 40th anniversary of John F. Kennedy's death. | *TV Week*

All Things Gross and Smelly

Take a road trip to an exhibit of bodily ickiness at the Science Museum of Virginia. | *Sunday Source*

Demo-Crazy

A roundup of titles on American politics, including Jules Witcover's "Party of the People" and Lewis L. Gould's "Grand Old Party." | *Book World*

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Reviews by The Washington Post's Libby Copeland, Desson Howe, Ann Hornaday, Stephen Hunter, Philip Kennicott, Michael O'Sullivan and Teresa Wiltz.

ELEPHANT (PG, 90 minutes) An understated, hypnotic stroke of brilliance. Gus Van Sant's fictional spin of the Columbine massacre builds with restraint but suspense-filled deliberation. There's an eerie realness to everything, thanks to the relaxed performances of the young first-time actors. (DH)

ELF (PG, 90 minutes) is the first and possibly the last Will Ferrell star vehicle. It's a clumsy, tedious ride that wears out its welcome as it wears out the seat of your pants and the circulation in your lower limbs. (SH)

ALAN MARKFIELD/NEW LINE

Buddy (Will Ferrell) stands head and shoulders above his elfin classmates.

THE HUMAN STAIN (R, 104 minutes) So utterly miscast as to send the movie toppling off into parody, it's too full of people pretending to be that which they cannot be, doing things in which nobody believes. All in all, it's like a bachelor's apartment: a complete mess. (SH)

IN THE CUT (R, 118 minutes) An at once labored and muddled movie, whose dreamy visual style and daring sexual material can't elide glaring inconsistencies in tone, plot and logic. Director Jane Campion and writer Susanna Moore may want audiences to think they've created a groundbreaking, grisly women's picture. Don't believe it. (AH)

INTOLERABLE CRUELTY (PG-13, 100 minutes) The Coen brothers' over-the-top comedy looks dyspeptically on the cobra-and-mongoose relationship between a venal divorce lawyer (George Clooney) and a serial divorcee (Catherine Zeta-Jones). It's a wickedly, cruelly funny parody of marital discord. (MO)

KILL BILL, VOL. I (R, 112 minutes) Quentin Tarantino's balletically bloody story of a skilled hit woman's (Uma Thurman) attempt to avenge the attack that put her in a four-year coma and killed her unborn child. This is the first half of what promises to be a majestic epic of violence as an abstract aesthetic. (DH)

LOVE ACTUALLY (R, 135 minutes) Not all nine of this British film's interwoven love stories work, but more do than don't. This celebration of love in (almost) all its glory is mostly charming, with great performances by a huge British and American cast, including Laura Linney, Bill Nighy, Hugh Grant and Colin Firth. (MO)

MYSTIC RIVER (R, 137 minutes) In Clint Eastwood's deeply textured drama, the sins (or perceived sins) of the past weigh heavily on the present. The film centers around three childhood friends, played in adulthood by Sean Penn, Tim Robbins and Kevin Bacon, and what happens to them when the daughter of one of the men is killed. (DH)

RUNAWAY JURY (PG-13, 120 minutes) Gene Hackman and John Cusack crackle with energy as a corrupt jury consultant and a rogue juror who appears to be willing to throw the verdict in a David-vs.-Goliath lawsuit brought against a gun manufacturer by a grieving widow. The film's moral ambiguity makes it a gripping, escapist thriller. (MO)

SCARY MOVIE 3 (PG-13, 90 minutes): Anything and everything is fair game in the quest to get a laugh in this latest send-up of horror movies and their contrivances. Kids are thrown out windows, crushed by speeding buses and seduced by pedophile priests. It's outrageous, offensive and really, really, really funny until it starts to wear out its welcome. (TW)

SHATTERED GLASS (PG-13, 94 minutes) Staff writer Stephen Glass (Hayden Christensen) is the toast of the New Republic magazine for his compelling, outlandish articles, until editor Charles Lane (Peter Sarsgaard) realizes that many, if not all, of the pieces are fabrications. Director Billy Ray has painstakingly re-created the known, true highlights of the Glass's career and made a fine cautionary tale about the culture of celebrity. (DH)

Christensen

SYLVIA (R, 110 minutes) Gwyneth Paltrow seems born to play the suicidal poet Sylvia Plath, with her patrician features and sad, expressive eyes, and to her credit she infuses the character with a restrained sense of tragic destiny. But director Christine Jeffs never lets "Sylvia" be anything more than a tasteful portrayal of the autumn of a doomed marriage. (AH)

Entertainment

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

CHILL, AIIIGHT?

THE NEXT EPISODE (10 p.m., Showtime) Fans of the kind of rap contests as seen in "8 Mile" might enjoy this six-part documentary series in which the country's best MCs face off in a lyrical contest before live audiences. The winners will be flown to Los Angeles for a final showdown.

"Next" is not for every taste. The lyrics feature incessant threats of homicidal violence, racial epithets and sexually demeaning language. Frequent use of the terms "dawg," "chill" and "aiiight" may also annoy those allergic to urban cliches and tiresome stereotypes.

IT'S ALL WET

MERMAIDS (Sat., 9 p.m., Pax) A botched combination of "Splash" and "Charlie's Angels," this fish tale begins as some ornery anglers wind up killing the father of a mermaid, Diana (Erika Heynatz). After Dad's death, Diana decides to seek out her two sisters, who are on dry land. Venus (Nikita Ager) shakes her tail in a seedy bar with an aquatic dancing tank. June (Sarah Laine) works at an aquarium. It's a two-hour excuse to show off the actresses' shapely fins and scales. Why did the chaste Pax network sign off on this soggy piece of salt-water cheesecake?

ADRIAN ROGERS/BBC WORLDWIDE

Who's the boss? Ricky Gervais relaxes into his role as the delusional David.

ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER POUND

THE OFFICE (Sun., 9 p.m., BBC America) The documentary-style comedy wraps up its second and final season as the delusional David (series writer and creator Ricky Gervais) mulls his options after learning that he's been fired. Cringe-inducing and hilarious, David compares himself to Jesus and also finds some philosophical inspiration from the words of Dolly Parton. While this wonderful series will be missed, it's great to see a show go out on top.

CULT CHOICE

WET HOT AMERICAN SUMMER (Fri., 11:35 p.m., Encore) An offbeat cast, including Janeane Garofalo, David Hyde Pierce, Christopher Meloni, Paul Rudd, Molly Shannon and Amy Poehler star in the 2001 teen-comedy parody. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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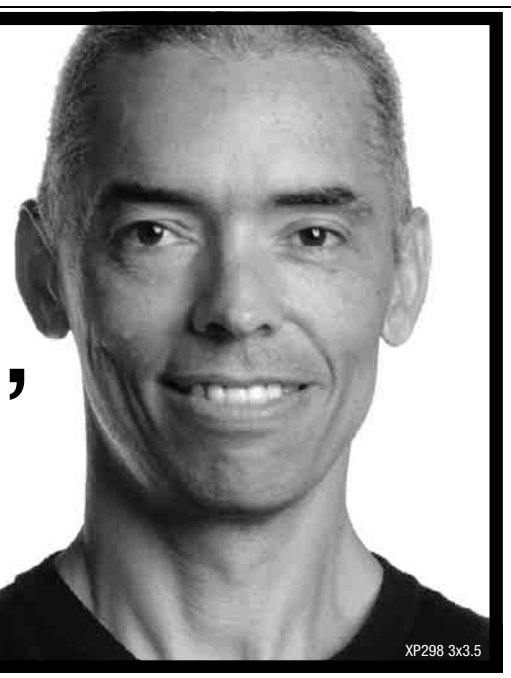

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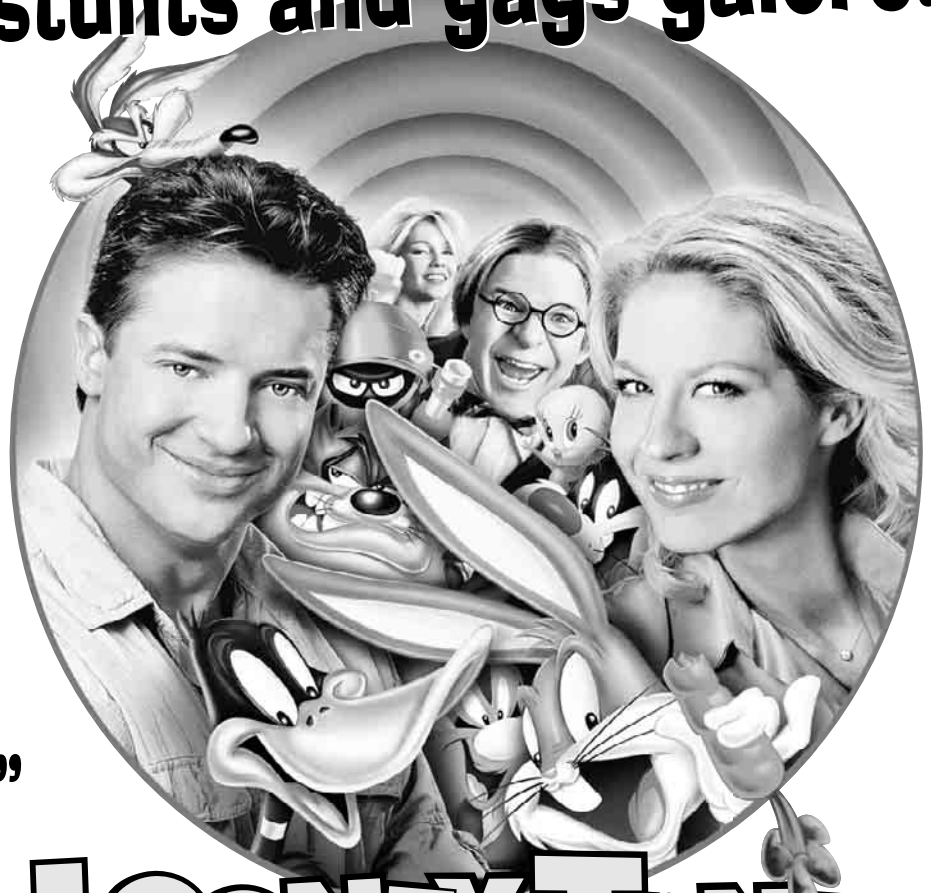

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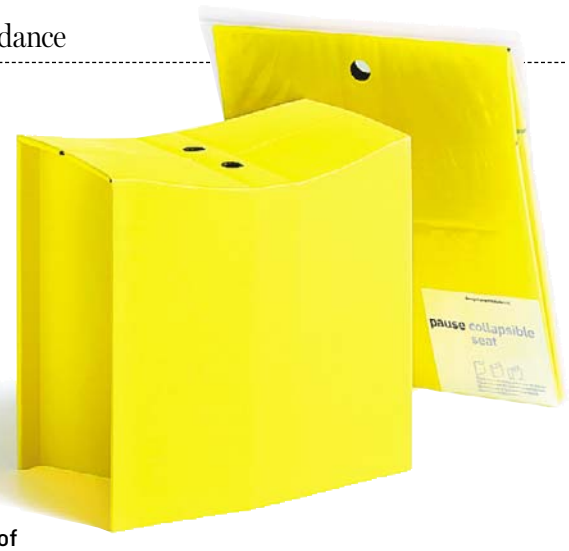

Curiously Strong

A hit when it was introduced at last spring's International Contemporary Furnishings Fair in New York City, Designframe's Pause stool has just become available through select retailers. Made of recycled corrugated cardboard, it collapses to less than an inch in thickness and weighs in at less than two pounds, which makes it a cinch to store. It opens and collapses in one simple step; it's practically poetry in motion. Pause can be used time and time again, and it's strong for its size, holding up to 250 pounds. Currently only available in Havana (yellow), colors to come include hot pink and chartreuse. It sells for $20 from the Museum of Modern Art Store; www.designframe.com lists other retailers.

JANET BENNETT (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)

Rubber Soul

If you must have a "Jelly Kelly" — a rubber takeoff on the famous Hermes bag Grace Kelly carried — it's available at many local shops: Sherman Pickey, Luna, Wear It Well and Sugar. See www.jellykelly.net for more intel.

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SINCE YOU ASKED

Q Who knows how to cut curly hair in this backwater?

A Curls can be hard to manage and even harder to cut. Die-hard naturalists who keep their hair curly often find one stylist and never change. Whether you want to go au natural or straighten your spirals, there are a surprising number of options in the Washington area.

Elie.Elie in Tysons Corner practices the Ouidad philosophy, originated in New York. That's where a stylist cuts each lock individually, creating an overall effect of bouncy curls. Ouidad doesn't come without a price — $100 and up for a cut by owner Elie.

If you gotta go straight, **Hugo** in Wheaton has another exotically named system to try: the Yuko thermal reconditioning treatment. This three-hour Japanese process works best on hair that hasn't been straightened before. Think twice before investing, as the treatment costs $600 and requires costly touch-ups every six months.

The **Roche Salon** was the first in the area to provide the Yuko Treatment. But there's no need to go for straight at Roche — owner Dennis has been giving me fabulous curly cuts for seven years. It's worth every penny of the $80 he charges. And if you're at the Georgetown location, you can stroll over to the Harbor and flaunt your new glam look.

If no haircut — curly or straight — is worth $80 to you, hit up **Fiddleheads** on 17th Street Northwest, where Garrett Johnson has developed a cult following on www.naturallycurly.com. The reason he's so popular? "I listen," he says. No walk-ins for him — expect a wait of three weeks for an appointment. His colleagues, he shares, are also good with curls. A Fiddlehead cut costs about $45, a bargain in the curly world. JULIA TAYLOR (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)

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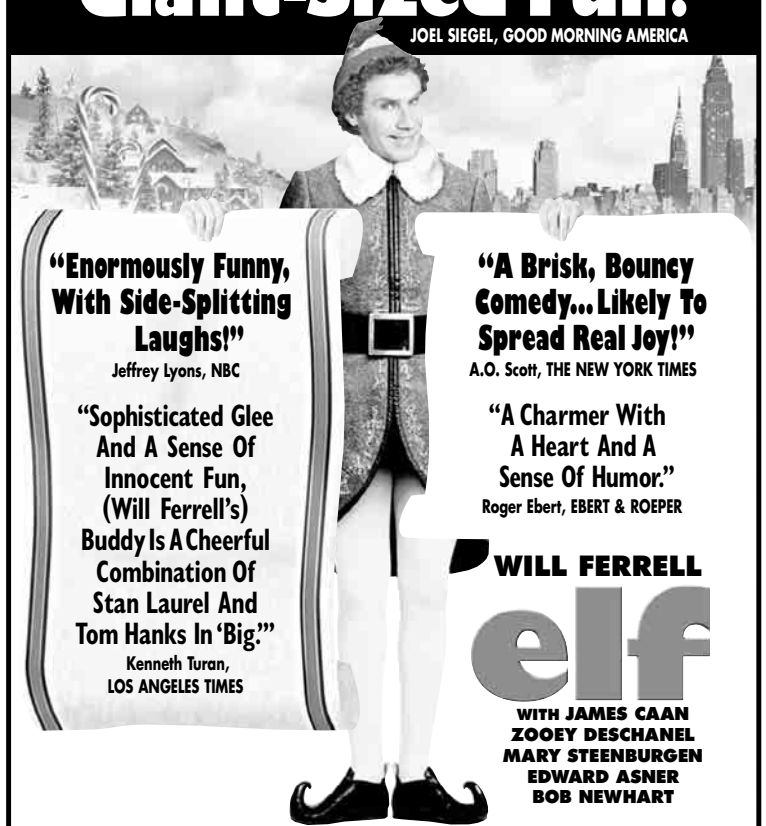

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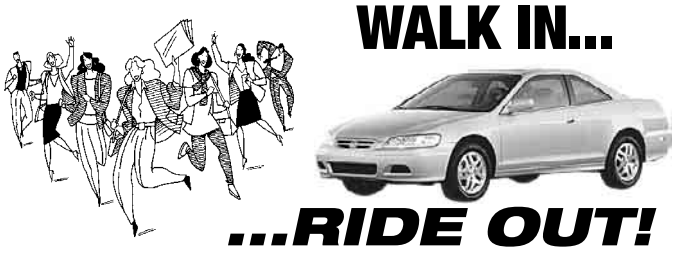

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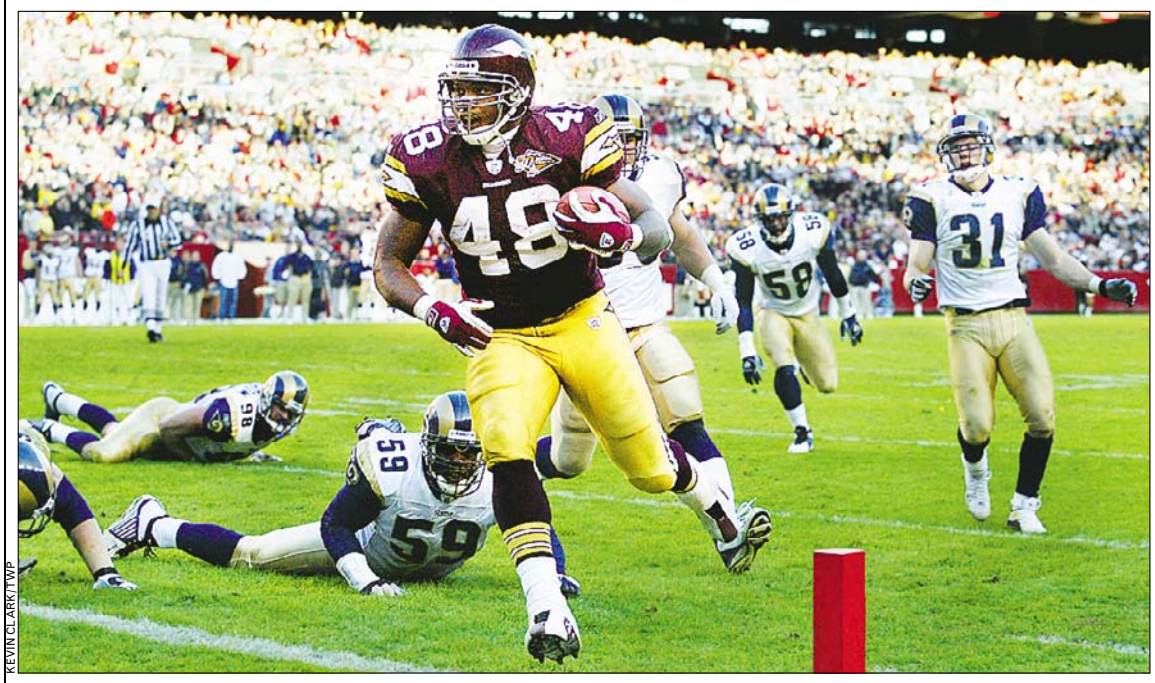

KEVIN CLARK/TWP

Last year, Stephen Davis was scoring touchdowns for the Redskins. Now he hopes to score on Washington in Sunday's game.

Redskins Set to Face Davis

Washington will have to tackle ex-teammate

PRO FOOTBALL | Fred Smoot, already playing with a broken sternum, has to figure out how he's going to tackle old pal Stephen Davis.

"I wish I didn't have this little fracture in the middle of my chest when I'm going up against a 240-pound running back," the Washington Redskins cornerback said. "It takes more than one person to get him down."

One topic has dominated all others among the Redskins this week. While Davis might have circled Sunday's Washington-Carolina game on his calendar, his ex-teammates have also been thinking about it.

Davis was Washington's No. 3 all-time rusher when he was released in March. He has been a perfect fit for the run-based Panthers. His 992 yards rushing are more than the Redskins' team total of 930.

Asked if he thought Davis would be fired up, Champ Bailey said simply: "Yeah. Wouldn't you?"

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

Protection: Mark Maske reports what the Redskins are doing to better guard quarterback Patrick Ramsey from incoming blitzes | Today's Post, Sports

REDSKINS (4-5)

- **QB Patrick Ramsey**: 162/298 passing, 2,009 yards, 12 TDs, 8 INTs
- **RB Trung Canidate**: 77 rushes, 329 yards, 1 fumble
- **WR Laveranues Coles**: 51 catches, 783 yards, 3 TDs

PANTHERS (7-2)

- **QB Jake Delhomme**: 141/244 passing, 1,671 yards, 10 TDs, 8 INTs
- **RB Stephen Davis**: 193 carries, 992 yards, 5 TDs, 2 fumbles
- **WR Steve Smith**: 52 catches, 645 yards, 5 TDs, 1 fumble

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- **Pittsburgh** at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

Gagne's Year Closes With Cy Young

PRO BASEBALL | Eric Gagne of the Los Angeles Dodgers became the first relief pitcher in 11 years to win a Cy Young Award, easily beating San Francisco's Jason Schmidt for the National League honor.

Gagne, who converted all 55 of his save opportunities, received 28 of 32 first-place votes in balloting released Thursday by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

It was just the ninth time a reliever won a Cy Young, the first in the NL since San Diego's Mark Davis in 1989.

Schmidt was second with two first-place votes. Chicago's Mark Prior got the other first-place votes and was third. (AP)

LENNY IGNELZI/AP

Gagne had 55 saves this year for L.A.

Sports

In ACC Hoops, Follow Tobacco Road

COLLEGE BASKETBALL | Last season, no Atlantic Coast Conference team landed a spot in the Final Four for the first time since 1996. Don't expect another poor NCAA tournament showing from one of the nation's top conferences.

Duke is no longer a team of young pups, Roy Williams has returned to coach North Carolina, and Wake Forest and N.C. State have joined the two powers in the preseason poll.

The deep Duke Blue Devils (26-7) would appear to be one of the favorites to make a trip to the Final Four in San Antonio. Duke has senior point guard Chris Duhon, one of the game's best 3-point shooters in J.J. Redick and one of the nation's best freshman in Luol Deng.

Williams won 418 games at Kansas in 15 seasons, and should take the Tar Heels far in 2004 with five starters back.

Wake Forest should have an opportunity to repeat with four starters back and one of the deepest teams in the league.

Maryland could be the league's dark horse because Gary Williams is a master with young squads. Williams will need a big year from senior Jamar Smith and sophomore point guard John Gilchrist, who is one of the ACC's fastest players. DAVID DROSCHAK (AP)

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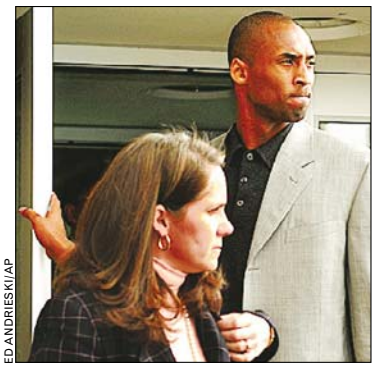
Bryant Remains Silent During Court Hearing

EAGLE, COLO. | With his accuser's family looking on, Kobe Bryant made his first appearance before the judge who will preside over his sexual assault trial Thursday and put off a formal plea.

The parents of the 19-year-old woman were in the courtroom for the hearing, along with two brothers and a cousin, prosecution spokeswoman Krista Flannigan said.

It was the first time the family members have attended a court hearing in the case. During the 12-minute hearing, Judge Terry Ruckriegle set a pretrial hearing for Dec. 19 and another for Jan. 23 to settle various motions.

The defense waived Bryant's rights to be advised of the sexual assault charge against him and the penalty he faces if convicted — four years to life in prison and 20 years to life on probation. Bryant's $25,000 bail was left unchanged.



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Kobe Bryant and his attorney, Pamela Mackey, leave the court Thursday.

The Los Angeles Lakers' guard sat quietly as Mackey answered routine questions from the judge. Attorneys on both sides told the judge they expected a trial to last two to three weeks. JON SARCHE (AP)

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Sports

After Reaching Top Spot, Roddick Loses in Houston

PRO TENNIS | The year-end No. 1 ranking already his, Andy Roddick lost 4-6, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (3) to Rainer Schuettler in the Tennis Masters Cup on Thursday.

Roddick fell to 0-3 in 2003 against the sixth-ranked Schuettler, who mixed speeds throughout the round-robin match to keep the American off-balance.

When No. 2 Juan Carlos Ferrero lost to Andre Agassi in three sets Wednesday, the Spaniard was eliminated from advancing to the semifinals at the season-closing tournament, and couldn't accumulate enough ranking points to overtake Roddick.

The tour honored Roddick after he faced Schuettler, presenting him with a crystal trophy marking his ascension to No. 1.

DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Andy Roddick reacts after losing a point in Thursday's match.

"I'm obviously disappointed" about the defeat, Roddick told the crowd. "But in the bigger picture, this is quite an accomplishment for me." HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

Transsexuals Will Be Eligible for Olympics

OLYMPICS | Athletes who have undergone sex change operations will be eligible to compete in the Olympics for the first time under new rules being finalized by the IOC.

The International Olympic Committee convened a meeting in Sweden last month of medical experts in the field and will announce its policy in the next few weeks.

"We will have no discrimination," IOC medical director Patrick Schamasch told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Details are still being worked out, but Schamasch said transsexual athletes will be eligible for the Olympics once they have passed a certain amount of time after sex-change surgery. (AP)

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Fall of an Empire

Liz Clarke tackles the Penn State-Indiana game, in which Joe Paterno tries to avoid losing seven games in a row in one season.

Early Risers

As the NCAA season begins, Barry Svrluga reports that Carmelo Anthony proved that freshmen can have a major impact in college basketball.

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Steve Wyche covers the Washington Wizards' efforts to defeat the NBA champion San Antonio Spurs.

Baseball Will Have Mandatory Steroid Testing Next Year

PRO BASEBALL | More than 5 percent of Major League Baseball players tested positive for steroids this year, triggering automatic testing starting next season.

Under the labor contract agreed to last year, all players were tested this year as part of a survey, with the samples not identified by player. The agreement called for mandatory testing to begin the year after more than 5 percent tested positive.

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Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

THOSE OF US WHO RIDE the Orange Line can certainly sympathize with Dawna Powell's nightmarish Green Line experiences (Nov. 12). Every day we are herded into hot, smelly cars that are usually so overcrowded that we can't breathe, much less move, without getting into a compromising position with several strangers. And that's when the trains actually show up on time — which, unlike the overcrowding, is rare.

As public-transit riders who are continuously forced to pay increased fares for this undeniably decreased level of "service," we deserve better.

—LISA L. BEHM
Arlington, Va.

SHAME ON NATALIE CRUZ for being so judgmental about the "porn" reality show "Can You Be a Porn Star?" (Nov. 13). Despite not knowing the contestants, she called them "brain dead" and alleged that they are "whores." For better or worse, there is a demand for the porn industry. These contestants are capitalizing on that. I would never in the past have defended the porn industry, but it angers me to see such self-righteous people actually get their opinions published.

—STEVEN CORAN
Gaithersburg, Md.

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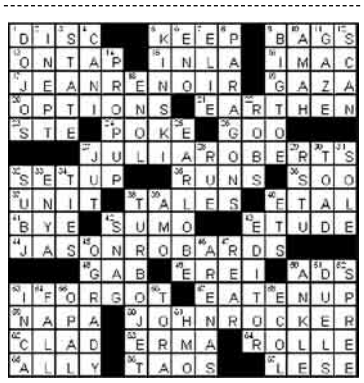
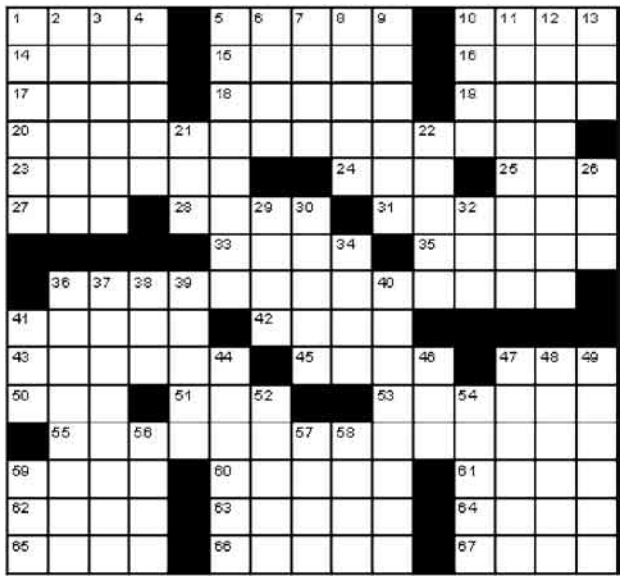


Crossword Puzzle: Proceed With Caution | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



ACROSS
1 Short erect tail
5 Starsky's partner
10 The Amish, e.g.
14 ___ Major
15 Make accustomed (Var.)
16 Seraph's circle
17 College administrator
18 Rose perfume
19 Pressing need?
20 Pfeiffer film of 1995
23 Accompany to a party
24 Clutch producer
25 Toupee
27 Born of
28 Stir up, without a spoon
31 Surgeon's stitch
33 Loughlin of "Full House"
35 Shakespearean loverboy
36 Cruise movie of 1983
41 Wound up costing
42 Dentist's instruction
43 Make certain
45 Koppel and Turner
47 Took down for the count, for short
50 It starts in Apr.
51 Victorian or Big Band
53 '64 event for the Beatles
55 Environmental concern
59 Stereo precursor
60 "It's ___-see!" (rave review)
61 Mrs. Dithers
62 Sacramento's ___ Arena
63 Stun gun
64 Egg cell
65 Newsy bit
66 Fidgety
67 Electronics giant

DOWN
1 Unexpected
2 Goalie's spot
3 Income from wealth
4 Dance of love
5 With gusto
6 Biblical preposition
7 Ballerina's attire
8 PC problem
9 Greek Mercury
10 Brat's kick target
11 They're found in canals
12 Shutdowns
13 32,000 ounces
21 Commit a blunder
22 To bury
26 Name on Prizms and Metros, once
29 Timberwolf
30 Emulate Dante's Peak
32 Ballerina's perch
34 Fortuneteller's opening
36 Didn't have enough
37 Occurrence
38 R-V connection
39 "M*A*S*H" setting
40 Automotive, music or tourism, e.g.
41 Type of meat or pepper
44 Bookboo-boos
46 NY-to-Atlanta dir.
47 Balkan province
48 Beat, as in a race
49 Like a teen idol
52 Fellow who sells space
54 Mexican munchies
56 Camera feature
57 Boot out
58 Applications
59 ___ tai (rum drink)

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Don't make decisions without considering the needs of those who are depending on you for support at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Partnerships and teamwork will be more important than they have been in the recent past. Now is no time to head off on your own.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Someone may be trying to replace you either at work or on the home front. You can repel any serious threat if you take a strong stand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You'll enjoy an opportunity to lighten up, relieving yourself of a heavy burden you've been carrying for some time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may be leading someone else to a false conclusion — and your reasons may not be completely justified. Weigh the pros and cons.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You'll be able to do first one thing, then another — and none will be quite like any of the others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You'll find it difficult to get something you really want and need from someone who had it first. It may be time to share and share alike.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Feel free to accentuate that part of yourself that you think is outstanding at this time. Others will flock to you if you are solid, confident.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may be forced to show your hand prematurely. You can recover any subsequent losses through quick thinking and positive action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You may be making a dangerous assumption, as a friend will be quick to remind you. Strive to keep things in perspective.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may have to do things the hard way — at least for the first half of the day. Later on, you may feel the pressure lighten somewhat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Don't make the mistake of being too distant and aloof; for best results, you'll want to be in the thick of things.

THE REDSKINS

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Washington Post staff writer **MARK MASKE** was online Thursday to discuss all things Redskins.

How does an NFL team normally delegate the offensive or defensive play calling in a game? Is it usually like how it was done last weekend with Hue Jackson as the offensive coordinator calling the offense and George Edwards calling the defense, or is it usually the coordinators giving the head coach advice on what to call?

It varies from team to team. Usually the head coach will stay out of the play-calling completely and leave it to his coordinators, or pick the one side of the ball on which he has his expertise and call those plays and give his coordinator on the other side of the ball pretty much complete autonomy. The Redskins now have used both of those approaches this season.

Did the Redskins really "fix" their pass protection last week versus Seattle or did Seattle not follow the script against the Redskins which is to blitz then blitz some more?

A little bit of both. The Redskins did a good thing with the rollouts. Even if Ramsey didn't look particularly comfortable throwing the ball on the run, at least the Seahawks didn't know exactly where he was going to be on every play. They had a good run-pass balance. They blocked better, and they had mechanisms in place to help Ramsey. I still can't figure out, though, why Ray Rhodes didn't blitz more.

Is Stephen Davis healthy enough to pulverize the Redskins on Sunday?

Probably. But even though Stephen Davis against the Redskins is the focal point this week, whether or not he's healthy probably doesn't mean that much to the outcome of the game. The Panthers won't change much if it's DeShaun Foster running in Stephen's place, and he is every bit as dangerous — if not more so, from a big-play standpoint.

Today on Live Online:
1 P.M.: Criminal defense attorney Steven Benjamin discusses the final phase of John Allen Muhammad's sniper trial.

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People

DUI

Wynonna Forgets Herself

Country singer **WYNONNA JUDD** was charged with drunken driving early Thursday after a Nashville police officer stopped her speeding Land Rover. Judd consented to a breath test and registered a blood alcohol level of 0.175 percent — more than twice the 0.08 percent limit. The singer said in a written statement that she had been celebrating her impending wedding and a friend's birthday "and clearly let my excitement get the best of me." (AP)

APOLOGIA

The Translator's Tale

A man who worked as Saddam Hussein's translator for 15 years defended his former boss Thursday. **SAMAN ABDUL MAJID**, who was in Paris to promote "Les annees de Saddam" ("The Saddam Years"), said the dictator had been maligned by depictions of him as murderous tyrant. Majid dismissed the comparison of Saddam to Adolf Hitler, then suggested that the German dictator also might have been unfairly judged. "I don't know if the history of Hitler ought to be rewritten," Majid told reporters. "You might talk to a lot of Germans who don't think Hitler was as bad as that." (AP)

MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

PROXIMITY ALERT

Declaring Drew

Television producer Norman Lear launched a major effort to get young people into the voting booth in Washington, D.C., on Thursday. Declare Yourself will use entertainment, education, the Web and, of course, spokesperson **DREW BARRYMORE** to inspire Americans ages 18 to 29 to register and vote. (AP)

ENDORSEMENTS

If the Suit Fits ...

A small clothing manufacturer in eastern China says it hopes to sign former President **BILL CLINTON** to represent its brand, citing his "worldwide charisma." Fapai Xifu Co. bills itself as China's 17th-largest clothing maker and is located in the low-cost manufacturing hub of Wenzhou, south of Shanghai. It has offered Clinton $2 million to be its spokesmodel and sent several e-mails to the White House — where Clinton no longer lives — to make its case. "Whether Clinton has enough attractiveness is difficult to say right now, so we are still negotiating," said company president Peng Xing. A Clinton press aide said he had no knowledge of any deal with the firm. (AP)

RIC FRANCIS/AP

Ahhh yessss, my preciousssss, yesss.

WRECKAGE

You Just Can't Look Away

Carrying her pet beagle, Molly, and a bouquet of red roses, **COURTNEY LOVE** delivered a rambling monologue to reporters before pleading innocent to two felony drug counts in a hearing at the Beverly Hills Municipal Court. "I didn't even break a law. I didn't even shoplift," Love told her audience Wednesday, calling the charges "retarded." Another heaing was scheduled for Dec. 11. (AP)

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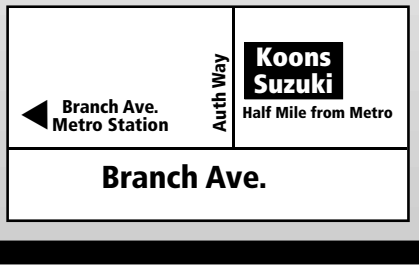

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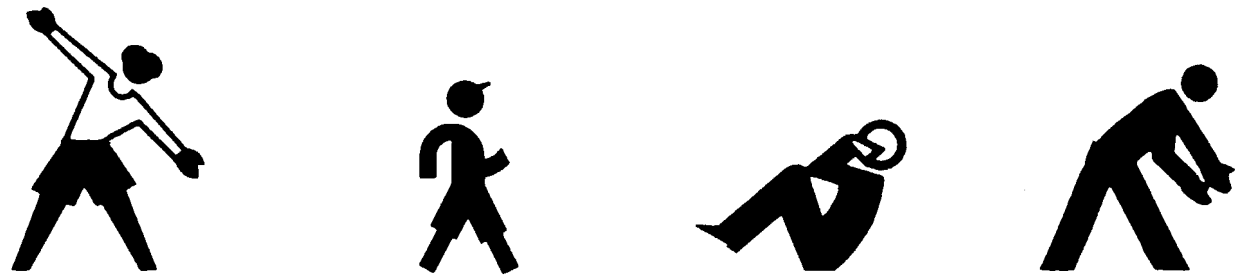

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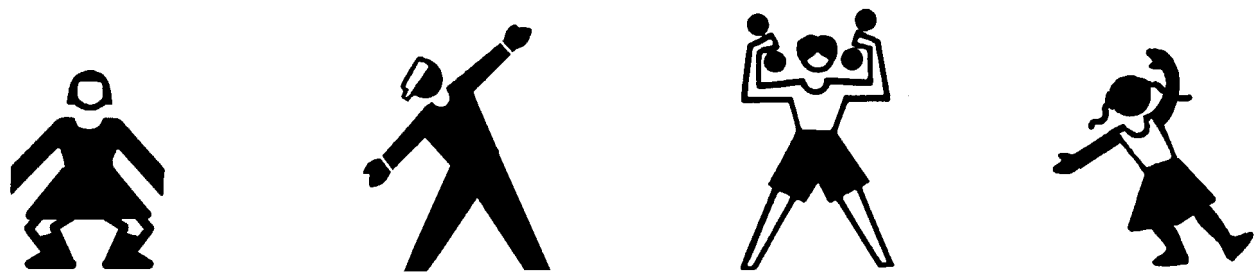

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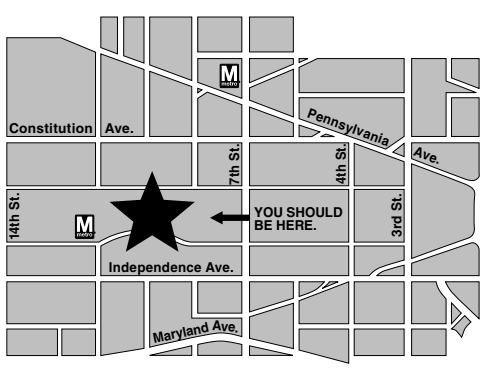

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